

HONORING JOSEPH BENARDO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, far too many of our young men and women in the armed services have witnessed the horrors of war. So noble is the sacrifice they have made while serving our country in uniform. Patriots like Joseph Benardo proudly served, so that others would not have to.

Joe was just 22 years old when he was sent to fight in Europe. A first-generation American, he felt compelled to defend his homeland and to fight for the freedom of people everywhere.

Joe was in the first wave of troops who stormed Omaha Beach in the historic invasion on June 6, 1944. He and two other soldiers were hit by a mortar; Joe was severely wounded during the invasion. A medic found Joe and whisked him to a military hospital, where he remained until the war's end.

A very strong history of service runs within the Benardo family. Joe, the oldest of Samuel and Alegra's three children, is a Purple Heart recipient. His brother Jack won a Bronze Star, and the youngest brother Leo served stateside during the Korean War. Ian, Joe's only grandchild, served in the Israeli army.

Joe is equally committed to his country as he is to his family, for he understands both are the very foundations of our society.

A Bronx boy at heart, Joe never left his hometown, save for his service abroad. He and his brothers lived in close proximity to each other, so that their bond would remain strong. Joe and his late wife Lillian raised two sons, Steven and Sheldon, who still call the Bronx home. Like their mother, Steve and Sheldon chose to serve our country by educating Bronx youth.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Omaha Beach invasion, a day that helped alter the course of history. We owe our lives, liberty, and freedom to those who have served honorably in the armed forces. It is a debt that we, as a nation, can never fully repay.

Joseph Benardo has much to be proud of when he celebrates his 95th birthday in September. He has created an enduring legacy of valor, service, and sacrifice that can be felt by the lives of whom he has touched.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF
NEWTOWN COMMEMORATION**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial celebration of Sarasota's African American community of Newtown.

Since its initial development in 1914, Newtown has experienced tremendous challenges and historic triumphs.

In the early 1900s, African Americans were recruited to provide an adequate workforce during Sarasota's economic boom. Many of them moved into the Newtown community.

In its early years, Newtown flourished, despite segregation, with several successful small businesses, schools and churches.

In 1961, four years after the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown vs. Board of Education* Court decision that declared laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students unconstitutional, the NAACP filed a desegregation lawsuit in federal court. And in 1962, the first African American students enrolled in what had been all-white schools.

Twenty years later, the NAACP successfully challenged Sarasota's system of local representation, alleging it prevented the election of blacks to city government, and in 1985 Fred Atkins became the first African American to serve on the city commission.

I appreciate this opportunity to help celebrate the rich heritage of Newtown.

RECOGNIZING POLICE DETECTIVE
EDWARD T. DAVIES**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, after 29 years of honorable service, Police Detective Edward T. Davies of Perkasi Borough will be retiring from the Montgomery Township Police Department on July 31, 2014. During his career, he served in several leadership capacities and has received many commendations for his professional service. He is known as a keen investigator, a court-qualified fingerprint expert, and a hostage negotiator. Detective Davies has served the Montgomery Township community with distinction, receiving sixteen commendations and numerous letters of appreciation from township residents and neighboring law enforcement agencies. In 1996, he was honored with Officer of the Year by the North Penn Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations, as we wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement. Because we are proud of dedicated police officers, who, each day, are on the front lines of public safety, we offer Detective Edward T. Davies our gratitude for a job well done, knowing he has set an example for others to follow.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WOMEN
AND MINORITIES IN STEM
BOOSTER ACT**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, together, women and minorities comprise 2/3 of the entire United States workforce. Women today make up half of the current workforce, yet they still hold less than a quarter of all Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) jobs. Minority populations including African-American, Hispanic, and Asian populations make up only 28 percent of the STEM workforce.

Between 2010 and 2020, STEM career fields are expected to grow by 8.5 million jobs. These jobs pay 35 more percent than jobs in other fields. Furthermore, there is a great demand for workers with scientific, technological, engineering, and mathematics-based skills. STEM-educated graduates are more likely to

find jobs in the manufacturing sector, the industry most likely to boost our economy and increase competition.

Background in a STEM education is essential to the many jobs that are opening in the manufacturing industry. America's manufacturing sector has led our economic recovery and will help the United States remain competitive in economic competition with emerging economies. However, in order to return to pre-recession level, the manufacturing sector must add 1.7 million jobs. Women and minorities engaged in STEM training have greater opportunity to contribute to the manufacturing sector and boost our global economy.

That is why I'm introducing the House version of S. 288, the Women and Minorities in STEM Booster Act of 2014. This bill will authorize competitive grant programs for three years through the National Science Foundation. The grants will go to online workshops, mentoring programs, internships, and outreach programs to engage women and minorities in STEM university departments, educational partnerships, and non-profit organizations to encourage the participation of women and minorities in STEM.

America must invest in the potential of our entire workforce in order for our manufacturing sector to expand and our global competitiveness rise. Opportunities in STEM education will empower historically underrepresented groups who will help boost our economy so that it reaches its full capacity. I urge my colleagues to support the availability of STEM opportunities for all students in the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE ADDITION OF
THE 2015 VIKING VI SIDE BY
SIDE PRODUCTION OF YAMAHA
MOTORS MANUFACTURING
PLANT**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to recognize addition of the 2015 Viking VI Side-By-Side production at Yamaha Motors Manufacturing plant in Newnan, Georgia. This is a momentous occasion for Yamaha Motors and for Georgia, as Newnan is home to the Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation facility.

Since 1986, Yamaha Motors has helped to grow Georgia's economy with quality manufacturing, more jobs, and a deep commitment to improving our community. Their production keeps over 1,350 Georgians employed and are expected to add over 300 additional jobs over the next few years. Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation's continued success led to a \$250 million investment over the last thirteen years, making Newnan, Georgia Yamaha's worldwide hub for ATV/SxS production and distribution.

Yamaha's achievements showcase how great Georgia is for manufacturing and business, and I thank them for their commitment to improving our district and state's economy. I am honored that the Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation calls Georgia's Third District home and look forward to sharing many more milestones with them in the future.